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Syndicalism. Eight states, most of them west of the Mississippi (Iowa, Michigan, Nebraska, Nevada, Oklahoma, Oregon, South Dakota and Utah) have passed laws which define and provide penalties for criminal syndicalism and sabotage.¹⁸

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War History Records. In at least thirty-five states special provision has been made for collecting and compiling all available records relating to the part they played in the world war. The work was originally sponsored either by the state councils of defense, acting upon the request made early in the war by the National Board for Historical Service, or by state historical societies and historical commissions.

Under the stress of war time conditions and without any official recognition on the part of the states, the work had to be carried on for several months as best it could. As the scope of the work broadened, however, its importance was quickly recognized, and when the state legislatures convened in January, 1919, eighteen states made special provision for enlarging the activities of the historical work, and voted funds for this purpose.

The following appropriations were made in the states mentioned: The State Historical and Natural History Society of Colorado, \$5000; the department of war records of the Connecticut State Library, \$10,000; the Illinois State Historical Library, \$20,000; the Indiana Historical Commission, \$20,000; the Iowa War Roster Commission, \$20,000; the Michigan Historical Commission, \$45,000; the Minnesota War Records Commission, \$10,000; the war history bureau of the New Jersey State Library, \$10,000; the Adjutant General of Nebraska, \$10,000; the North Dakota War History Commission, \$2,500; the Adjutant General of Ohio, \$50,000; the State Historian of Oregon, \$2500; the Wisconsin War History Commission, \$37,500.

Special appropriations were also provided for this work—the exact amount not stated—to the Adjutant General of Massachusetts, the Nevada Historical Society, the State Historian and Adjutant General of New York, and the North Carolina Historical Commission. In

¹⁸ Iowa, Session Laws, 1919, p. 493; Michigan, Session Laws, 1919, p. 452; Nebraska, Session Laws, 1919, p. 1058; Nevada, Session Laws, 1919, p. 33; Oklahoma, Session Laws, 1919, p. 110; Oregon, Session Laws, 1919, p. 25; South Dakota, Session Laws, 1919, p. 43; Utah, Session Laws, 1919, p. 347.

Texas the work is being financed by the state university, \$12,500 having been set aside for this purpose.

The scope of the work as outlined in most of the states provides for compiling a roster of all men that were in the service, the collection and cataloging of all original records such as the correspondence and reports of the state councils of defense, the Liberty Loan drives, Red Cross work, the records of the Food and Fuel Administrations, and other organizations engaged in war work.

In addition to the work of collecting the original war records, provision has been made in several of the states to publish one or more volumes giving the history of the state during the war period. The greater part of the actual publication work however, will have to be deferred until additional state aid has been provided.

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